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Darling Honey love:-

I can hardly describe my emotions when I read your wonderful darling big letter of Sunday. How I passed through the night, I don't know, as at all times your darling sweet self appeared before my eyes; I saw your dear eyes wet with tears, the lonesome expression in your face; Tootsie mine, all in all, I felt so, that I was ready to go to New York then and there and carry you back with me. Darling mine, how I yearn for your love, companionship and encouragement! No one knows, dearest, except God and you. Tootsie mine, how I long for your pure, darling, wholehearted kisses and the wonderful caresses that always cheered me up so when I was burdened with cares! Honey love, my own dearest pet, how I wish for the time to come when I can grasp you in my arms and hold you till the Black Angel appears and, reluctantly, I must give you up. To hold you, love heart, to kiss you, to hug you! Oh, precious mine, how dreamy it all! But, Toots, the time, please God will soon come when I will be able to do and receive all that my heart yearns for, and I can assure you, that we both will be happy in the knowledge that we love each other so. I, too, merely exist, for whatever I do, is done mechanically as constantly you are in my mind and constantly counting the days and hours when I hope to have my darling wife with me, always praying that nothing intervenes with your leaving on May 1st. Tootsie, the remaining days will soon pass and we will look back to the time when our love stood the "acid test," and be ever happy in the love that we have for each other.

Toots mine, I am very happy to say that my "tummy" is practically O.K. Doesn't bother me much now, at all. I have followed your advice as literaly as I could. Even now, I am taking a tablet or two, just to keep in good condition. It sure does feel good to be rid of those dog-gone headaches. I try and get the most simple of foods and believe me, as soon as I feel anything wrong, I'll twice cut of that Rhubarb & Soda. You have no idea how happy I am that your illness is over. Please God, only once more will you have to undergo it before coming here, and when it comes on, here, believe me, love, I sure will be your nurse. But, Tootsie, I am quite angry with you for not telling me of your cold in your head and throat. Don't forget to let me know when such things happen to you, hear? You poor baby mine, especially when you were suffering more than usual from "it". I sure am glad that you are over it, though, so don't fail to take good care of yourself. Hear? Promise me you will take care of yourself, won't you, love?

Honey love, by this time you already know that I am going up for my second degree in masonry. I sure do hope I go through, for when I get the 32d degree, I am then a full fledge

Mason. Love heart, I really believe it was because I wore one of the shirts you sent me that I made out so well that night at the lodge. Honey love, I felt that you were sitting on my lap, your arms about me, when I wore it. It sure is a pretty shirt. I am having it laundered and then will put it away until you come, if I can, but I suppose I can, for I am going to buy a shirt or two this week, thereby making it unnecessary for me to wear your precious gift again until you come. I didn't throw the other shirt that the laundry ~~used~~ ruined away, for maybe you could use the fourage. I believe shirts are much cheaper here than in New York so you won't have to buy anything like that before you come. As a matter of fact, I believe all wearing apparel is cheaper here. So far as material & clothing are concerned, you need have no worry, for uncle Morris will take care of that. Shoes are now cheaper than the were too, so I don't think you will have to buy anything like that before you come.

Honey love, I sure do hope that you have been able to take Nellie to the train. Did you as yet find out about the cow? Don't forget, love dear, to advise me accordingly. Nearest, when have you decided upon buying your ticket? I would suggest that you do as I did, get it about 2 weeks, at least in advance, you see, so that you can get a lower berth. Honey dear, I've spoken to uncle Morris about Zeider and uncle says that whenever we are ready we should send him here. I would suggest that he come right after passover without waiting until you come, see? Or if you want, come with him, but the best way, love, is for him to get down here as early as possible. Whenever he does leave it will be about a week before you do, and if he can't leave either before or at the same time you do, tell mondear to send him here about a week or so after you leave. If you care to travel with him, love, do so; though he is old, you won't have any trouble with him on the way, but don't forget that he, too, is to travel in a lower berth. Speak to mondear and arrange it. If you decide to come down with him, get both tickets and 2 lower berths. Whatever you do honey love, don't forget the lower berths on the "Memphis Special" leaving on May 1st.

I think it best for Zeider to come here, especially after what has happened to mondear. Love dear, I can hardly tell you how shocked I was. I felt all day as if I were in a trance. Poor that poor woman suffered! Toots, some day we will have her here, and all to it that she won't suffer any more, eh? You are so good and fine, honey love, that it's no wonder every body loves you. To go to all that trouble in fixing up matters for mondear, honey love, was wonderful of you, and I can assure you, that it will never

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be forgotten. Darling mine, I can't describe how grateful I am for your wonderfulness toward Mondean, but I can assure you its deeply felt and appreciated. That's all I can say, for, as you know, I say little, little it's true but my acts and conduct will show you how I was deeply moved. Honey love, I hope that Mondean's going to the hospital will not affect your leaving on May 15. I am sure it won't, for I don't think Mondean will want you to stay until she gets out of the hospital. She has gone through enough, believe me, and when you come here I shall effect to hear of everything that transpired. Before I forget, love, supposing you tell Mondean to send Geider here before she goes in. Don't you think its best? I think so, for then he won't know about Mondean going in. Sorts darling this Mr. Kelly case must be wonderful, and I sure do wish I could do something to show her our appreciation. Honey love, I don't want to forget, either, about Henry. I want to thank you also for what you are doing for him. Sorts, I never saw anything like it, but I can't get away from it. Tante Rose is always there for me graft; for instance with Helen. Oh, well, Lovie, it can't be helped. You know what is best, darling, so you go about it in your own darling way. Whatever you do, Lovie, keep me in touch with Mondean's condition. I earnestly hope and pray that everything will come out O.K. Tell her to strictly follow her doctor's advice. Sure am glad that she so readily fell in with your idea of going to the hospital. Don't you think, Lovie that it's best not to tell Tante Rose about it? For if she goes up to see Mondean, Mondean will become greatly aggravated at the sight of her and therefore making Mondean's condition worse. I'll leave that all to you, love heart. So you do know what I alluded to about Faye. Believe me, honey love, we sure will have a lot to talk about _____ also about the "Bull-the-pit". Dear heart, I meant no offense, but when you come here I'll tell you what made me write that way, and you will see for yourself that it was extremely foolish of you to be hurt. If you want to, I'll explain fully in my letter as soon as I find out that you want me to write about it. I'd sooner write to you about it than waste our valuable time speaking over it, for we will have enough to talk about as it is. Anyway, sweetheart, please tell me in what way you were hurt,

worst you, for I myself feel hurt in thinking and knowing that unintentionally I hurt you. My own darling wife, you know I wouldn't hurt you for anything in the world. I love you, sweetheart, I love you, love you with all my heart and soul. Again, honey love, I want to say about Uncle Morris. He told me that if he wouldn't have had any trouble with the business, Mondean would be here by this time. What he says and the way he acts, shows me he is really concerned over Mondeans welfare, and when you come, I'll tell you everything. I am sure he will do something for Mondean, as he constantly mentions how he yearns to see her. I sure do hope, love heart, that he does, for that will end our troubles, remember. Believe me, lovie dear, I'll never forget the "hell" the last 2 years have been and believe me, our one bright spot was the pure love we have for each other and that sure has stood the test.

Honey love, as for the dispensary I want you to do as I say. If by the 15th they don't give you your vacation, take it. Hear? I am just about tired of seeing how you are being fooled around with. There is nothing for you to worry about darling, you will get your vacation by the 15th or you will take it. I hope you went to see Hell off regardless as to Mr. Swallow's absence. Toots, I simply won't have you standing that nonsense. Don't take it from them. Do as you please, and ask no questions. If you left it to them, you'd never get anything, so you see the advisability of following my advice which I sincerely hope you will do. It makes me sore to think of after working so hard, they turn around & treat you that way! Never mind, love heart, you will soon be leaving anyway, please God, but I sure do hope everything turns out as you desired. I sure am glad though that your family work is very light. Don't forget, honey love, don't work hard, hear?

I suppose that by now Hell is in Georgia. I could just picture how you felt. I'll bet you felt like leaving for Memphis right then too, didn't you? Well, honey love, pretty soon, so "what the dif", only it can't be too soon for me. What do you say, honey love?

You are right, honey love, when you say that B.L. & H. I. Goldberger are a pair. I haven't much to do with either one. I told Leve what I thought of him and how I feel toward him, but he still comes hanging around. I haven't even offered him the courtesy to come in the office, but still, once in a while, he comes up. I'm sick & tired of him. When you are here, we'll talk about him, too, and I will then tell you what I find out recently. Believe me, as you said, he is

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nothing less than a free grafter and cad! I didn't even ask him where he is living, I have lost so much interest in him, let alone asking him about the girl. Do you know, honey love, I can't get over that? The idea of telling anyone that he is going to marry and have his wife work for him! If he intended to do what I was compelled to do because of my being in the service, it would be different, but in his case ——— oh, well, "God made it, therefore let it pass as a man". What say you, precious?

So far this month, honey love, business wasn't as good as I expected. As I wrote you before, that's the way the law game is. Just when you least expect it, the cases come thick and fast. Yesterday, one of the young attorneys who is now with Abe Cohen turned over a few collections case. I thanked him for it and he turned around and said he was glad to be of service to me, and at any time he can, he will turn things over to me. I expect I'll hear definitely about Winston's job ~~and~~ about the 17th of this month, and on the 14th, that's Monday, I'll expect to hear something about being a Notary Public. I sure do hope I get to be a notary. As soon as I hear anything, I'll let you know.

Tootsie I can read your letters very well, the fact that it is written on both sides of the sheet doesn't matter. Because me, honey love, when I get such nice, big, fat letters, you ~~do~~ sure do make me extremely happy. Oh, honey lady, how I wish the time to soon come when you can personally tell me all that you write.

Tootsie mine, I am still on the lookout for rooms. I find that 2 rooms are insufficient. Anyway, love heart, you won't do any cleaning, whether it's 2 rooms or 4 rooms. I'll get a little negress to do the dirty work. I am trying to fix a nice little comfy home so that you will be surprised when you arrive and take possession, therefore, I won't tell you what kind of rooms I got, when I get them, or what I bought, except that the bed room furniture will be of white ivory.

Well, honey love, my hand and fingers are kind of tired, so will close this letter now, with all my love, hugs and kisses, to you, my darling little angel wifie,

Ever lovingly & longingly
Your own Hubby